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Brian Schweitzer, Governor

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RE: Proposed Amendments to 82-4-235, MCA of the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act for the 2009 Legislature

To Interested Parties:

Pursuant to the meeting that you attended on February 11, 2008 at the Northern Plains Resource Council office in Billings with many other interested parties, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has drafted up the enclosed amendments in this section of the Act to allow limited exemptions from the 10-year minimum responsibility period for revegetation of certain lands. Please review the enclosure and submit any comments or questions to Chris Yde by mail to the address on the letterhead or by e-mail to [cyde@mt.gov](mailto:cyde@mt.gov). Chris may also be reached at 406-444-4967.

Sincerely,

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